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Farmers Market Opens Today!

The Foggy Bottom Farmers' Market is back and dishing up great produce starting today, April 19, at 24th and Eye Streets, just west of the Foggy Bottom metro.

Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for about the next six months, residents and visitors can catch great produce, meats, cheeses and even flowers at the market, which was a huge success in its inaugural year last year.

There will be an "opening ceremony" this afternoon to kick off the season. The FBA was instrumental in bringing the market to the neighborhood and is happy to help ring in another bountiful season!

Back by Popular Demand: *The Farmer's Market returns to Foggy Bottom this week. Photo: FBN*

ANC to Meet Tonight; Plans Set-Down Resolution

At its regular monthly meeting tonight, April 19, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A is scheduled to consider a resolution regarding ANC input at Zoning Commission set-down hearings, the commission said last week in an e-mail notification.

The ANC will meet at its usual time and place: 7 p.m. at the State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street. All residents are welcome.

At issue is the D.C. Zoning Commission's potential of not taking ANC input, in a break from past practice, into consideration as it moves to "set down" (agree to hear in full at a future date) GWU's plans to rezone its campus through a series of planned unit developments, or PUDs. *(See FBN, 4-12.)*

The Zoning Commission is scheduled to hold its set-down hearing – at which it will decide whether the university's PUD case can go forward – on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m.

The zoning hearing will be on the second floor, Room 220 South, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street NW.

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Trachtenberg's Departure Notice Draws Reaction

GWU President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's decision to step down in July 2007 brought some recollections of the departing university chief from Foggy Bottom residents.

"I hope someday he'll regret the damage he has done to Foggy Bottom, but it's unlikely he will," said longtime resident Ellie Becker, who edited the *FBN* from 1986 to 2004. "He has cared only for his own wants, seldom caring about the consequences to others."

Trachtenberg, who became the school's president in 1988, will take a professorship of public service at GW, both the *GW Hatchet* the *Washington Post* reported earlier this month. The university will begin searching for a new president in the coming months, the papers reported.

The mercurial president was perhaps best known to Foggy Bottom residents for expanding the school's real-estate holdings, often at the expense of the neighborhood.

The school's move to construct a dorm adjacent of Dr. Donald Kreuzer on 23rd Street and Virginia Ave. led to a bitter, still-unresolved court fight and a spurred a famous *Washington Post Magazine* cover story on April 7, 2002, called "The University That Ate Foggy Bottom."

"During Trachtenberg's tenure, GW continued to break faith with the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, ignoring the Campus Plan for their development in our neighborhood and riding roughshod over the community," said FBA President Joy Howell. "GW's arrogance has created enormous ill will."

Said FBA Board member Joe Chaplick of Trachtenberg's departure in 15 months: "He's not leaving soon enough."

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Say What?

From a *GW Hatchet* article about Trachtenberg's withdrawal:

"In the 18 years that Trachtenberg has stood at the helm of GW, he has transformed Foggy Bottom from a primarily quiet residential area to a booming center of activity, much to the dismay of residents *who view their neighborhood as a historic district.*" (Emphasis added.)

We say: We view it as a historic district because it *is* a historic district.

FBA Meeting Monday

The Foggy Bottom Association's general membership meeting will be held next Monday, April 24, at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, at 7:30 p.m. Come a few minutes early and say hello to your neighbors!

Speaker:
Councilmember Phil Mendelson
(D-At Large)

All Foggy Bottom and West End residents welcome.

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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

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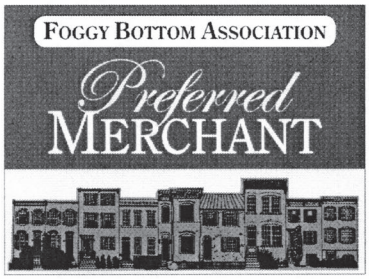

Your Membership Card Works in the FBA's Preferred Merchant Program!

Foggy Bottom Association members receive a variety of discounts from local businesses through the FBA's "Preferred Merchant Program." Look for the logo at these businesses and present your card for these discounts. The membership card also allows FBA members use of GWU's Gelman Library.

20% DISCOUNT

Denny Diaz, Ltd.
522 23rd St. NW
202-296-2767
20% discount off of merchandise;
10% discount off men's and women's alterations

Joseph A. Bank
1200 19th St. NW
202-466-2282
FBA members on first visit receive corporate discount card, which entitles them to 20% discount and other corporate privileges.

Thai Kitchen
2311 M St. NW
202-452-6090
20% discount off all food (excludes alcohol and happy hour specials, 5-7 p.m., M-F)

Grillfish
1200 New Hampshire Ave. NW
202-221-7310
20% off all food (excludes alcohol)

Scogna Formal Wear
1908 L St., NW
202-296-4555
20% off

20% OFF FIRST VISIT, LESSER PERCENTAGE ON ADDITIONAL VISITS

600 Restaurant at the Watergate
600 New Hampshire Ave. NW
202-337-5890
20% discount on first visit,
15% on subsequent visits

David's Hair Studio
1918 Eye St. NW
202-293-3024
20% discount to first time clients,
10% on subsequent visits

Shohreh Day Spa
1712 Eye St. NW, Suite 914
202-452-9300
20% discount on services during first visit,
10% on subsequent visits

Watergate Photo & Copy
2560 Virginia Ave. NW (Watergate Mall)
202-333-7700
20% off for newcomers,
15% on subsequent visits

15% DISCOUNT

Barmy Wines and Liquor
1912 L St. NW
202-833-8730
15% discount on wine; 10% on liquor

Expressions (Fine Clothing)
2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
202-775-9299
15% discount on all purchases

Metropolitan Optical
2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
202-659-6555
15% discount on all purchases

Primi Piatti
2013 Eye St. NW
202-223-3600
15% off check

The Wine Specialist
2115 M St. NW
202-822-8000
15% off all non-sale items (includes wine, beer, water and soda);
10% off liquor

10% DISCOUNT

One Fish, Two Fish
2423 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
202-822-0977
10% off total meal bill for dine-in and carry-out; not available on delivery

Williams The Tailor
825 21st St. NW
202-822-8000
10% off general alternation and repair

SPORTS CLUB/LA

The FBA has struck a great deal with the Sports Club/LA health club, adjacent to the Ritz Carlton at 22nd & M Streets. FBA members who join the club by June 1 will pay no initiation fee and receive about 20% off club membership fees. Payment should be made to the FBA, but membership arrangements will be handled by the club. Current club members will benefit too, as FBA members will get the discounted rate, rebating any overpayments when payment for a year's membership is made in advance through the FBA.

Regular membership: Sports Club/LA will waive the $650 initiation fee and charge $1,419/year – a savings of $25/month off normal fees.

Squash membership: Sports Club/LA will waive the $750 initiation fee, and charge $1,639/year – a savings of $27/month off normal fees.

Sports Club/LA Happy Hour for FBA Members Thursday, April 27!
Sports Club/LA will host an informational happy hour for FBA members next Thursday, April 27, at 6 – 8 p.m. in its *Z Lounge.* For more information, contact the FBA's Preferred Merchant Program manager, Lisa-Joy Zgorski, at 202-293-2529, *lisajoy@ksg.harvard.edu,* or the club, 800-716-9802.